

Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.J. Res. 111. Joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection relating to "Arbitration Agreements".

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 282. An act to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to authorize spouses of servicemembers to elect to use the same residences as the servicemembers; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 1058. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the role of podiatrists in the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 1690. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit an annual report regarding performance awards and bonuses awarded to certain high-level employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 1848. An act to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program on the use of medical scribes in Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 2006. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the procurement practices of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 2056. An act to amend the Small Business Act to provide for expanded participation in the microloan program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

H.R. 2333. An act to amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 to increase the amount of leverage made available to small business investment companies; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

H.R. 2364. An act to amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 to increase the amount that certain banks and savings associations may invest in small business investment companies, subject to the approval of the appropriate Federal banking agency, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 2749. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the oversight of contracts awarded by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to small business concerns owned and controlled by veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 2781. An act to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to certify the sufficient participation of small business concerns owned and controlled by veterans and small business concerns owned by veterans with service-connected disabilities in contracts under the Federal Strategic Sourcing Initiative, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with

accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-2289. A communication from the Senior Official performing the duties of the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Fiscal Year 2016 Operational Energy Annual Report"; to the Committees on Appropriations; and Armed Services.

EC-2290. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs), transmitting legislative proposals relative to the "National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2291. A communication from the General Counsel of the National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Civil Monetary Penalty Inflation Adjustment" (RIN3133-AE67) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 19, 2017; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2292. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report on the activities of the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) for fiscal year 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2293. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Office of General Counsel, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Fee Schedules; Fee Recovery for Fiscal Year 2017" ((RIN3150-AJ73) (NRC-2016-0081)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 13, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2294. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to Congress on Ways to Improve Upon the Part D Appeal Process"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2295. A communication from the Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services to Australia to support the P-8 Production, Sustainment, and Follow-on Development Memorandum of Understanding in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 17-042); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2296. A communication from the Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of firearms abroad controlled under Category I of the United States Munitions List of pistols to El Salvador in the amount of \$1,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 16-134); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2297. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report to Congress from the Chairman of the National Advisory Council on International Monetary and Financial Policies; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2298. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Foreign Claims Settlement Commission of the United States, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's annual report for 2016; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2299. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Office of General Counsel, Department of

Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as Amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act—Accountability and State Plans" ((RIN1810-AB27) (Docket No. ED-2016-OESE-0032)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 19, 2017; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2300. A communication from the Chair, Advisory Council on Alzheimer's Research, Care, and Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report that includes recommendations for improving federally and privately funded Alzheimer's programs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2301. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Teacher Preparations Issues" (RIN1840-AD07) received in the Office of the President pro tempore of the Senate; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2302. A communication from the Chief of the Border Security Branch, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Technical Amendments: Electronic Information for Cargo Exported from the United States" (CBP Dec. 17-06) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 10, 2017; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2303. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs), transmitting legislative proposals relative to the "National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2304. A communication from the Director of Regulation Policy and Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "VA Veteran-Owned Small Business Verification Guidelines" (RIN2900-AP93) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 19, 2017; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-2305. A joint communication from the Interim Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Senior Official performing the duties of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Veterans Affairs and Department of Defense Joint Executive Committee Fiscal Year 2016 Annual Report"; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-2306. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Take-off Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (4); Amdt. No. 3750" (RIN2120-AA65) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 19, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2307. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Take-off Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (76); Amdt. No. 3747" (RIN2120-AA65) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 19, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2308. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal

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Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; Rolls-Royce plc Turbofan Engines” ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2017-0187)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 19, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2334. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; DG Flugzeugbau GmbH Gliders” ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2017-0343)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 19, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2335. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Modification of VOR Federal Airways V-55, V-63, V-177, V-228, and V-246 in the Vicinity of Stevens Point, WI” ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2016-9374)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 19, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2336. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Amendment of and Establishment of Air Traffic Service (ATS) Routes; Northcentral United States” ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2016-8944)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 19, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2337. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Amendment of Class D and E Airspace; Tucson, AZ” ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2017-0218)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 19, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2338. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Amendment of Class D and E Airspace for the following North Dakota Towns; Wahpeton, ND; Hettinger, ND; Fargo, ND; Grand Fork, ND; Carrington, ND; Cooperstown, ND; Pembina, ND; Rugby, ND; Devils Lake, ND; Bottineau, ND; Valley City, ND; and Gwinner, ND” ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2016-9118)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 19, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2339. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Amendment of Class E Airspace; Hilo, HI” ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2017-0222)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 19, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2340. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Amendment of Class E Airspace; Arcata, CA; Fortuna, CA; and Establishment of Class E Airspace; Arcata, CA, and Eureka, CA” ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2015-6751))

received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 19, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2341. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Establishment of Class E Airspace; Finleyville, PA” ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2016-9496)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 19, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2342. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Establishment of Class E Airspace; Grayling, AK” ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2016-9333)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 19, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2343. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Establishment of Class E Airspace; Sacramento, CA” ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2016-9476)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 19, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2344. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Amendment of Class E Airspace; Eugene, OR” ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2017-0224)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 19, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2345. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Amendment of Multiple Restricted Areas; Townsend, GA” ((RIN2120-AA66) (FAA-2017-0585)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 19, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2346. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Establishment of Temporary Restricted Areas R-2509E, R-2509W, and R-2509N; Twentynine Palms, CA” ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2016-9536)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 19, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2347. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Drawbridge Operation Regulation; St. Louis River (Duluth-Superior Harbor), between the towns of Duluth, MN and Superior, WI” ((RIN1625-AA09) (Docket No. USCG-2017-0212)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 13, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2348. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Special Local Regulations; Safety Zones; Recurring Marine Events in Sector Columbia River” ((RIN1625-AA08 and RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2017-0224)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 13, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2349. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Safety Zone; Oswego Harborfest 2017 Breakwall and Barge Fireworks Display, Oswego Harbor, Oswego, NY” ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2017-0359)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 13, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2350. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Safety Zone; Lake Michigan, Whiting, Indiana” ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2017-0195)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 13, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2351. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Safety Zone; Port Huron Blue Water Fest Fireworks, St. Clair River, Port Huron, MI” ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2017-0500)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 13, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2352. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Safety Zone; Potomac River, Montgomery County, MD” ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2017-0448)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 13, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2353. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Safety Zone; Lakewood Independence Day Fireworks Display; Lake Erie, Lakewood, OH” ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2017-0533)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 13, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2354. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Safety Zone; Bay Village Independence Day Celebration Fireworks Display; Lake Erie, Bay Village, OH” ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2017-0568)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 13, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2355. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Safety Zones; Marine Events held in the Captain of the Port Long Island Sound Zone” ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2017-0440)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 13, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2356. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Safety Zones; Marine Events held in the Captain of the Port Long Island Sound Zone” ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2017-0243)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 13, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2357. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department

of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; St. Ignace Fireworks Displays, St. Ignace, MI" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2017-0472)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 13, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2358. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Cleveland Triathlon Swim Event; Lake Erie, Cleveland, OH" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2017-0580)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 13, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2359. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Thunder on the Outer Harbor; Buffalo Outer Harbor, Buffalo, NY" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2017-0331)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 13, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2360. A communication from the Vice President of Government Affairs and Corporate Communications, National Railroad Passenger Corporation, Amtrak, transmitting, pursuant to law, Amtrak's audited Consolidated Financial Statements for the years ended September 30, 2016 and September 30, 2015 with report of independent auditors; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2361. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Chief Counsel, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Competitive Passenger Rail Service Pilot Program" (RIN2130-AC60) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 19, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2362. A communication from the Acting Chairman of the Office of Proceedings, Surface Transportation Board, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Offers of Financial Assistance" (RIN2140-AB27) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 19, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-76. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan urging the United States Congress to continue full funding for the Facility for Rare Isotope Beams on the campus of Michigan State University; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 113

Whereas, The President's proposed 2018 budget includes a \$17 million cut in federal funding for the Facility for Rare Isotope Beams (FRIB) at Michigan State University. This could delay the project's anticipated completion date, increasing costs by an estimated \$20 million; and

Whereas, Currently, the state-of-the-art project is on budget and ahead of schedule and is about three quarters completed. The FRIB will be the world's most powerful rare isotope beam facility upon completion; at least 1,000 times more powerful than Michi-

gan State University's existing cyclotrons; and

Whereas, The FRIB will more than double the research opportunities available in the field of nuclear physics. Its cutting-edge discoveries will provide applications for society in such areas as cancer research, homeland security, and commercial innovation. A world class scientific facility such as the FRIB will address the U.S. innovation deficit and provide opportunities to train the next generation of scientific and business leaders; and

Whereas, The FRIB will have a huge impact on Michigan. It will contribute an estimated \$4.4 billion in statewide economic activity over the course of its lifespan. It is expected to create over 1,000 jobs, generate wages of \$1.7 billion, and strengthen and diversify the state's economy through investments in research and innovation; and

Whereas, It is critically important that federal funding continue to provide a solid foundation for cutting-edge scientific research at the FRIB. A funding shortfall and delay could mean canceled contracts and missed opportunities in the region's burgeoning particle science industry. Continuation of full funding is essential to keeping FRIB construction on time and on budget; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we urge the United States Congress to continue full funding for the Facility for Rare Isotope Beams on the campus of Michigan State University; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

POM-77. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Alaska making application to the United States Congress to call a convention of the state to propose a countermand amendment to the United States Constitution as provided under Article V; and urging the legislatures of the other 49 states to make the same application; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 14

Whereas the state's sovereignty has been infringed upon by the federal government, including by the federal government's recent denial of and refusal to work with state officials on the construction of a lifesaving road from King Cove to Cold Bay; and

Whereas the state's access to a fair permitting process for projects that will develop the state's natural resources and provide revenue streams to the state, including oil exploration in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and large-scale mining projects throughout the state, has been continually denied by the United States Environmental Protection Agency and other agencies of the federal government; and

Whereas the United States Congress has, at times, exceeded its delegated powers, the President of the United States has, at times, exceeded the constitutional authority of the office of the President of the United States, and the federal courts have, at times, exceeded their authority by issuing decisions on public policy matters reserved to the states in violation of the principles of federalism and separation of powers, all of which have adversely affected the state and its people; and

Whereas, under the authority of art. V, Constitution of the United States, the several states should apply to the United States Congress to call a convention of the states to amend the United States Constitution and adopt a countermand amendment to author-

ize the states, upon a vote of three-fifths of the state legislatures, to nullify and repeal a federal statute, executive order, judicial decision, regulatory decision by a federal government agency, or government mandate imposed on the states by law that adversely affects the interests of the states, in order to properly exercise the states' constitutional authority to check federal power, preserve state sovereignty, and protect the rights of the states and the people; and

Whereas the states have the authority to define and limit the agenda of a convention to a single-issue "countermand amendment convention" called for by the states as provided under art. V, Constitution of the United States; and

Whereas the delegates sent by the states to a countermand amendment convention shall have the limited authority to deliberate on and decide whether the countermand amendment, as preapproved by state legislatures, should be sent back to the state legislatures for ratification; Be it

Resolved, That, under art. V, Constitution of the United States, the Alaska State Legislature directs the United States Congress to call a single-issue convention of the states, called a "countermand amendment convention," for the sole purpose of deciding whether the proposed countermand amendment should be sent back to the state legislatures for ratification; and be it further

Resolved, That the Alaska State Legislature directs the United States Congress to convene the countermand amendment convention within 60 days after the date it receives the 34th call for that convention from state legislatures; and be it further

Resolved, That this application constitutes a continuing application in accordance with art. V, Constitution of the United States, until at least two-thirds of the legislatures of the several states have applied for a similar convention of the states; and be it further

Resolved, That the Alaska State Legislature urges the legislatures of the other 49 states to apply to the United States Congress to call a single-issue countermand convention of the states under art. V, Constitution of the United States.

Copies of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Barack Obama, President of the United States; the Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr., Vice-President of the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable John Boehner, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable Mitch McConnell, Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Nancy Erickson, Secretary of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable Lisa Murkowski and the Honorable Dan Sullivan, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress; and the presiding officers of the legislatures of each of the other 49 states.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. BURR for the Select Committee on Intelligence.

Robert P. Storch, of the District of Columbia, to be Inspector General of the National Security Agency.

*Isabel Marie Keenan Patelunas, of Pennsylvania, to be Assistant Secretary for Intelligence and Analysis, Department of the Treasury.

*Susan M. Gordon, of Virginia, to be Principal Deputy Director of National Intelligence.